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Construction of a Thangal in S. No. 153/1 of Melchangam village.

* 29 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the terms of the order on which the construction of a Thangal in S. No. 153/1 of Melchangam village in Chengam taluk was permitted by the authorities in 1909; and

(*b*) whether the terms of the order have been adhered to in recent years and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

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Rural Reconstruction Supervisors.

* 30 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the names of the local bodies that have so far appointed Rural Reconstruction Supervisors for village improvement work and the amount of subsidy, if any, sanctioned by the Government to assist such local bodies or other private agencies doing similar work?

A.—No information is available as to the names of the local bodies that have appointed Rural Reconstruction Supervisors. Apart from the grants sanctioned for the improvement of rural water-supply and village communications no grants are sanctioned specifically for the village improvement work.

Measures for the reduction of infant mortality in the Nandyal Municipality.

* 31 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to reduce the rate of infant mortality which, in 1928–29, rose from 123 to 198 per thousand births in the Nandyal Municipality?

A.—It is the duty of a Municipal Council to take steps to reduce the high rate of infant mortality in its area. When in 1928–29 the Government noted the increase of the rate of infant mortality in the Nandyal Municipality, they requested the Council to take prompt steps to bring it down. The figures for the subsequent years show that infant mortality has been steadily decreasing and that the Council has adopted measures calculated to bring down the high rate.

Measures for the relief of congestion in Nandyal Municipality.

* 32 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government granted any land for the relief of congestion and extension of the town of the Nandyal Municipality, and if so, when; and